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11. (U) Summary: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirms that Prime Minister Fukuda will lead the Government of Japan's delegation to the FAO meeting in June. The PM will be accompanied by Minister of Agriculture Wakabayashi. End Summary.

12. (U) Media reports say that the speech Prime Minister Fukuda will deliver in the upcoming Food Summit will emphasize the determination of Japan to make possible contributions to ensure global food security. Specifically, the speech stresses a resolve to put second generation biofuel to practical use. The speech also stresses Japan's determination to send a powerful message with other participant countries in the July Group of Eight Summit (Lake Toya Summit).

Further, the media reports that the speech points out the need for the international community to take joint and coordinated actions in dealing with the problem of global food shortage. It underlines Japan's willingness to make contributions to stabilizing global food supply-demand balance by improving its self-sufficiency in food.

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